

Wycombe give SAT. 16/12/78 Hendon a gift goal

Hendon..... 1
Wycombe Wanderers 0
Hendon's biggest defeat
of the season so far was
the 5-0 drubbing at
Wycombe Wanderers in
August.

On Saturday,
Hendon took their
revenge, beating
Wycombe 1-0. But the
goal was a present, gift-
wrapped and just in time
for Christmas to end
Hendon's run of five
successive games
without a win.

The decisive goal in the
12th minutes also helped to
reshape the course of the
game. The home defence
was taking a fair pounding
before former Hendon star
Allan Phillips conceded a silly
corner. He attempted a
pass back to left-back Bobby
Davies, but they muffed it
between them, and the ball
went for a corner.

A defender ducked as
Graham Sewell's inswinging
kick came over from the
right, and the ball struck the
surprised John Maskell, who
was standing by the near
post, rebounded off the
goalkeeper's body into the
net.

Lifted

It lifted Hendon to greater
effort — though they only
forced one more corner to
Wycombe's 12 — and they
never looked in any danger
of losing.

Goalkeeper Gary Steel,
given strong defensive cover,
frequently fisted the ball
away with the skill of a boxer,
and the team benefited
from the tremendous efforts
of central defender Alan
Campbell and Gary Hand,
some good play by Alan
Roughan and John Steer,
with skipper Rod Haider
also having an impressive
outing.

Up front, the tireless, but
often frustrating Roy Butler
made it a difficult afternoon
for Phillips and should really
have given Hendon a more
impressive result. He did hit
the bar in the 19th minute,
but missed an easier chance
when put clean through by
Ray O'Callaghan. Butler
side-stepped Phillips before
slipping over as he shot too
quickly, and was well wide
with only the goalkeeper to
beat.

Poor pass

Hendon almost paid the
penalty for a poor back pass
by Hand just before the in-
terval, but with Steel drawn
out of position, Steve
Hardwick, who intercepted,

angled over an empty net.

Game Mickey Cooper was
knocked out in the 52nd
minute during a goalmouth
skirmish as Wycombe tried
to fight their way back; and,
though slightly concussed,
heroically carried on.

Georgie Brooks fluffed a
great chance after 69
minutes, following a splendid
cross by Sewell, but the miss
of the match must go to
Phillips, who tried to back-
head a corner from the left
only to put over the Hendon
bar.

Afterwards both Steer and
Roughan reported groin in-

juries, and could miss the
league visit to Hayes on Box-
ing Day morning.

It adds to the worries of
manager Dave Hogwood,
who has doubts about Peter
Deadman, hurt again playing
for the reserves on Saturday.
Peter Anderson also has
domestic problems. All is not
well with his baby born last
week.

Hendon: Steel, Cooper, Hand,
Roughan, Campbell, Haider,
O'Callaghan, Steer, Butler, Sewell,
Brooks. Substitute: Garrini.

Wycombe: Maskell, Birdseye,
Davies, Mead, Phillips, Hardwick,
Atkins, Holifield, Long, Kennedy,
Scott. Substitute: Evans.